

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION

OF THE

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,

HELD AT

CINCINNATI, O., NOV. 5-12, 1862.

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year, has again and again been almost afloat from the shoals, and just needed a good strong pull, a good long pull, and a good pull altogether, from its friends, to send it off sailing. But alas! when help is called for, though some nobly give the willing, generous, strong pull, others give but the feeble pull, or no pull at all! If four hundred itinerants would obtain from five to ten subscribers each, it would increase our list three thousand at once, or would double our present number. If four hundred would collect each fifteen dollars, it would place in our treasury six thousand dollars, which would set all our wheels in prosperous motion again.

With the greatest pleasure we here allude to the generous promptness with which our people in most sections of our work have seconded the appeal in behalf of our building enterprise. At a meeting of brethren in Springfield, in connection with the Board of Trust, on the 5th of July, 1859, it was determined that for the success of our publishing enterprise, the purchase of a lot, and the erection of a publishing house, is necessary, is practicable, is obligatory, and that with the help of God, it must and shall be done. A circular was addressed to all the Annual Conferences on the subject, which met with a unanimous response of approval, and pledges of mutual aid, according to the ability of the parties. Portions of the Ohio and Muskingum Districts were visited by Rev. J. B. Walker, under appointment of the Board, as Soliciting Agent, and other portions again by Rev. J. M. Littler, in the same capacity, both of whom met with very encouraging success. Rev. O. C. Dickerson, of New York, Rev. S. Morrison of Indiana, and Rev. G. Wheatley of Iowa, by appointment of their respective Conferences, and it may be some others in other Districts, did service in a similar agency, with a degree of success, of which as yet we are not fully informed. Last spring, a lot was purchased, including a water power. A substantial building has been erected, and is under roof. Between two and three thousand dollars having been collected on subscription, a payment has been made upon the lot, and a deed executed, considerable has been paid towards the expense of building, and it is hoped and believed that a sufficient amount of the subscriptions already taken will be collected during the Conference occasions, to liquidate the expenses of the building. Now that this work is so well begun, and so much sympathy and liberality have been exhibited, we trust that the enterprise will be prosecuted with unfaltering energy. So soon as our office shall be moved into the new quarters, we shall need first class machinery for prosecuting a book publishing business, on a scale and in a style to meet the wants and demands of our Church. Let the subscriptions and payments go on rapidly and numerously. We are fully able to go up and accomplish this work. For our trust is in God. The Lord of hosts is with us, and in his strength we shall do valiantly. Let us weary not. Let us falter not. And success shall crown our efforts.

Before closing this Report, the Editor begs to be indulged in a special plea. The care and supervision of our printing and publishing business, with the minutia and multiplicity of our financial affairs, have heretofore usually engrossed so much of his time, as to leave very limited space for attending to his appropriate service in the editorial department of the paper. Oftentimes of unavoidable necessity, the service is shoved off till the last thing, and then has to be disposed of after a summary and disadvantageous method. Those who patronize the paper are entitled to have the services of the Editor, in his regular capacity as such. And those who know not the circumstances, are liable to do him injustice in not making due allowances for short comings in editorial service, of one who is so much otherwise occupied as to have very limited opportunity to act in the capacity of editor proper. Upon our removal therefore, to our permanent premises, it is earnestly desired that such arrangements be made as shall relieve the Editor from the care of the general business of the establishment. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BASSETT,
Editor and Book Agent.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

THE Convention provided for and recommended by the Pittsburg Convention of 1860, met pursuant to notice, in the Sixth St. Methodist Protestant Church, in the city of Cincinnati, this morning, Nov. 5th, 1862, at 10 o'clock, and organized temporarily by calling the Rev. George Brown, D.D., of the Pittsburg District, to the Chair, and the Rev. J. J. White, of the Ohio District, to serve as Secretary.

Opening religious services were conducted by Rev. A. Mahan, President of Adrian College, Michigan. After singing a hymn, Rev. Dr. Crooks, of New York, also led in prayer.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll from the published list of delegates elect.

The following is a list of the Annual Conferences concurring in the call of the Convention, with the names of the delegates chosen to represent them:

	Ministers.	Laymen.
<i>Boston District,</i>	J. M. MAYALL,*	D. HALL,*
<i>New York District,</i>	J. J. SMITH,*	C. TOMKINS,*
<i>New Jersey District,</i>	T. H. COLHOUER,*	E. C. PANCOST,*
<i>Onondaga District,</i>	N. R. SWIFT,	PHILIP SWIFT.
<i>Genesee District,</i>	O. C. PAYNE,	EDWARD PIPER,*
<i>Pennsylvania District,</i>	S. HOMAN,*	C. BLACKMAN,*
<i>Pittsburg District,</i>	G. BROWN,	W. RINEHART,*
	J. COWL,*	H. T. REEVES,
	J. SCOTT,	J. REDMAN,*
	J. ROBISON,	G. W. POGUE,
<i>Ohio District,</i>	T. B. GRAHAM,	J. M. JOHNSON,
	J. J. WHITE,	J. WHETSTONE,
	R. ROSE,	S. GRAHAM,
	J. B. WALKER,	W. GUNCKEL,
	A. H. BASSETT,	T. DOUGLASS.
<i>Michigan District,</i>	R. C. LANNING,	C. COOLEY.
<i>Western Michigan District,</i>	A. ACHESON,	C. R. UNDERWOOD.
<i>Indiana District,</i>	S. H. FLOOD,	W. M. SMITH,
	T. SHIPP,*	A. D. AMOS.
<i>Wabash District,</i>	E. HORNER,*	A. D. WHITFORD.
<i>Illinois District,</i>	T. FINKBINE,	JOS. HAUGHEY.
<i>North Illinois District,</i>	P. J. STRONG,	J. WOODMANSEE.
<i>South Illinois District,</i>	R. WRIGHT,	C. LINK.
<i>Iowa District,</i>	H. C. BOYERS,	R. F. HALL.*
<i>North Iowa District,</i>	J. DALBEY,*	W. H. BOLTON.*
<i>Wisconsin District,</i>	Z. BOYNTON,	E. D. WARNER.*
<i>Minnesota District,</i>	J. P. LONG,	AMOS STEERS.*

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Br. Walker, of Committee on Instructions, made their report, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Br. Gunckle, from Committee on legal transfer of power, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGAL TRANSFER.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry into the legality of a transfer of the rights and interests of this Convention in the Book and Paper Concern at Springfield, Ohio, with its chartered powers, beg leave to make the following report:

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1854, held at Steubenville, Ohio, did designate and authorize the holding of two Conventions—one to be held at Baltimore, to be composed of representatives from those Conferences which should determine to adhere to the Baltimore Methodist Protestant, and another to be held at Zanesville, Ohio, to be composed of representatives from such Conferences as should determine to adhere to and sustain a Western Church paper and Book Concern; and

WHEREAS, The Convention designated to be held at Zanesville did accordingly assemble in the month of November, 1854, and there made provision for the publication of a Western Church paper, and the establishment of a Western Book Concern, to be located at Springfield, Ohio, and did elect and appoint nine persons to constitute a Literary Committee, to be convened at Springfield, Ohio, upon the call of Rev. A. H. Trumbo, then the President of the Ohio Conference, for the purpose of carrying out the measure; and

WHEREAS, The persons so designated by the Convention held at Zanesville, did duly meet at Springfield on the 5th day of June, 1855, and organized themselves into a Literary Society, and adopted a Constitution, under the name and title of the "Western Literary and Publishing Society of the Methodist Protestant Church," taking the legal steps to be recognized as a corporate body under the existing general law of Ohio governing corporations; and

WHEREAS, The said "Literary and Publishing Society" has regularly held its meetings, and kept up its regular Board of Officers and Board of Trust, and from time to time filled its vacancies, in accordance with the provisions of its Constitution, to the present time:

It is, therefore, the opinion of your Committee, that there exists no legal disability to a transfer of said interests, so acquired by the Board of Trust under its corporate powers, to the control of a General Conference, and that no legal rights will be jeopardized thereby.

Wm. GUNCKEL, Ch'n.

Adopted.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Religious exercises conducted by Br. J. B. Walker.

On motion of Br. Rose, President Mahan, Professor McEldowney and Dr. J. Kost proceeded to address the Convention at length upon the condition and prospects of Adrian College, and the proposition submitted by the Trustees of said College to the M. P. Church.

On motion of Br. White, the Committee on Education and Literature was instructed to report favorably on the propositions submitted.

The Board of Trust made their Biennial Report, through Rev. A. H. Bassett. The Report, on motion of Br. Scott, was referred to Committee on Paper and Book Concern.

BIENNIAL REPORT

Of the Board of Trust, of the Western Methodist Protestant and Book Concern, to the General Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, to be held at Cincinnati, November 5, 1862.

The Western Literary and Publishing Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was duly organized at Springfield, Ohio, in June, 1855, in pursuance of the order of the Convention held at Zanesville, Ohio, in November, 1854, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the General Conference of same year, for the establishing of a Western Paper. The Society has availed itself of corporate privileges under the statutes of Ohio. It consists of nine members,

	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
<i>Nebraska District,</i>	ISAAC CHIVINGTON, JAS. MASTERS.*	
<i>Oregon District,</i>	D. BAGLEY,	L. D. CROSS.*
<i>Commissioners from</i>		
<i>Western Virginia District,</i>	DR. D. B. DORSEY, C. HOOTON,* J. L. SIMPSON, A. F. RITCHIE.* S. YOUNG, P. T. LAISHLEY,*	
<i>Maine Conference,</i>	Not reported.	
<i>Muskingum Conference,</i>	Declined the call.	

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Letters were received from the following delegates, read and placed on file: T. H. Colhouer, E. Horner, D. Bagley and J. Dalbey.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Opening religious exercises conducted by Rev. Z. Boynton. Moved by J. B. Walker that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the purport of instructions given by the several Annual Conferences. Carried. J. B. Walker, J. Robison, H. T. Reeves, Committee.

On motion of Br. Gunckel, a committee of three was appointed to report on the legal transfer of power from this Convention to a General Conference, whereupon W. Gunckel, Z. Boynton and A. H. Bassett were appointed said Committee.

On motion of J. J. White, three Commissioners were appointed to negotiate with the Commissioners of the Western Virginia Conference, with a view to a permanent union with this association, viz: R. Rose, John Scott, T. Douglass.

The Convention, on motion of Br. J. Robison, then proceeded to elect permanent officers of the Convention; whereupon Rev. George Brown, D.D., of the Pittsburg Conference, was elected permanent Chairman, and Rev. J. J. White, of the Ohio Conference, permanent Secretary.

On motion of J. Robison, Rev. T. B. Graham was elected Ass't Secretary.

On motion, the hours of opening and adjourning as follows: Open at 9 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M.; adjourn at 12 o'clock M., and 5 o'clock P. M.

The President appointed the following Committee on Rules of Order: O. C. Payne, A. Acheson, G. W. Pogue—who reported the Rules of Order found in the Baltimore edition of the Discipline, except Article IV.

A Committee of five was ordered on Education and Literature: Brs. John Scott, R. C. Lanning, R. Rose, W. Gunckel and A. D. Whitford.

A communication from the Trustees of Adrian College, Michigan, through Rev. A. Mahan, President of the College, and Prof. J. McEldowney, was referred to the Committee on Education and Literature.

On motion of Br. Gunckel, a prayer meeting was appointed for each morning at 8 o'clock, to pray for our country and the Church.

The following Committees were ordered: 1. A Committee of three on Paper and Book Concern. 2. A Committee of three on Missions. 3. A Committee of three on Sunday Schools. 4. A Committee of three on Boundaries. 5. A Committee of one on Statistics.

THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 6, 9 o'clock,

Convention opened with religious exercises, conducted by Br. S. Young.

On motion of Br. Gunckel, the communication of Rev. T. H. Colhouer was referred to Committee on Instructions.

Br. Scott presented the Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Missions, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Chairman announced the following Committees:

On Paper and Book Concern—T. Finkbine, T. B. Graham, J. M. Johnson.

On Missions—O. C. Payne, N. R. Swift, C. Cooley.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Walker, J. Robison, C. Link.

On Statistics—C. R. Underwood.

The Board takes leave to say, respectfully, that but for an earnest devotion to the interests of the enterprise, and the interposition of individual responsibility on the part of the publisher, in time of extremity, the Western Methodist Protestant might have followed the fate of some other journals.

In the paper of May 15, 1861, the fourth issue after the President's War Proclamation, the publisher called attention of our agents and subscribers to the fact, that

"For four weeks past, our receipts for the W. M. Protestant have not amounted to a sufficient sum to pay the bills of our paper maker, to say nothing of the claims of Editor, printers, and other necessary outlays. We beg that our friends, amid other excitements, will not forget us, at this office."

Then in our paper of July 3, 1861, the publisher issued a brief appeal, which was continued in several successive numbers, touching the then present exigency of our publishing interests, in which he held the following language:

"Be it known, then, that in April last, (the month the war began,) our weekly receipts for the Western Methodist Protestant suddenly fell off in amount to such a degree that the receipts of a month would be required to meet the expenses of a single week. For eleven weeks past, our receipts have averaged only the sum of \$19.33 per week, whilst our bills from the paper maker alone have amounted to about \$21 per week. How it has fared with our other expenses, the reader can judge. The unprinted paper, which is always a cash article, being first paid for, no means has been left for meeting the claims and necessities of Editor, printers, pressman, publisher and other claimants.

"Now, we calmly, but earnestly inquire of our friends, what is to be done? We need to be receiving for newspaper subscriptions, at least eighty dollars per week, but are receiving less than \$20 per week. If we continue our weekly issues, with receipts coming in only at this rate, for three months to come, to end of the volume, we shall have incurred a debt of over \$800, in this department alone."

For the ensuing ten weeks until the Conference times, (1861,) there was some improvement, but an average of \$37 per week, only, was attained, being but half the amount needed. For four months, from about April 20, to August 20, 1861, our paper was issued at a sacrifice of about fifty dollars a week.—During the same interval, large payments had to be made on our lot and building, and a final payment of \$800 on our Adams press, for which we had relied on the receipt of pledged subscriptions of donations. These, however, came in too tardily to meet the obligations, and loans of money had to be procured, at 10 per cent. interest, upon the individual responsibility of the publisher and Board, of which he had now been made a member, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Br. Kost.

In view of such facts as the above, no one could reasonably be surprised that at the end of a financial year, we had to report a deficiency of \$1,089.01. If there are those who consider that during this period, and under these circumstances, we might have printed our paper with new type, or upon an enlarged sheet, or with a superior or more costly article of paper, or at a reduced subscription price, we of course leave them to their own reflections, but respectfully submit that they should not lose sight of the facts in the case. If there are those who consider that the publisher has not done well his part, under the circumstances, during such trying times—standing in the breach, and not only meeting the responsibilities of publication, but shouldering also, with the Board, the liabilities in thousands of dollars, for the claims accruing on lot and building and Adams press, he may not dispute their conclusions. But the Board considers that in no other hands would this enterprise have found a more devoted, or more unflinching, or more sacrificing friend, through the many anxious days and sleepless nights of care, and perplexity and toil, during the trying crisis referred to.

It may be observed by the above statement, that whilst the deficiency of the previous year was \$1,089.01, that for the year just past our operations have fully paid their way, and we have on hand some four hundred dollars

part only of whom reside at Springfield, the others at other points, in different Districts. At its Annual Meetings, the Society from time to time fills any vacancies which occur, and elects its officers, viz:—President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Trust.

The Convention held at Pittsburg in Nov., 1860, recognized this Literary and Publishing Society as "directly Agent of the Convention," and enjoined that it should "hold its Editor and Book Agent responsible for their discharge of duty, and make due Report, through the Board of Trust, to the next meeting of Convention, of all their proceedings, and of the entire business of the Concern." In compliance with this injunction, the following statement is now presented, embracing the leading facts and figures pertaining to our business for the two years past, from November 3, 1860, to the recent ending of volume VII of the Western Methodist Protestant, Oct. 22, 1862.

RECEIPTS.

	1860-61.	1861-62.
Cash rec'd for W. M. Protestant,	\$2,723.68	\$3,260.37
" " for Books sold,	1,459.46	1,674.27
" " for Advertising,	136.59	27.01
" " for printing,	7.50	38.75
" " for room rent and sundries,	200.02	113.60
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	\$4,527.25	\$5,114.00
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Receipts in two years,		\$9,641.25

EXPENDITURES.

For the year 1860-61,	5,616.26
" " 1861-62,	5,110.02

Expenditures in two years,	\$10,726.28
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RECAPITULATION.

1860-61.	1861-62.
Expenditures,	\$5,616.26
Receipts,	4,527.25
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Deficit of year,	\$1,089.01
Deduct,	3.98
Deficiency of 2 years,	\$1,085.03
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Avails of year,	\$3.98

It thus appears that our enterprise for the year just past, fully paid its way, and gained a trifling sum towards indemnifying the deficiency of the previous year. The deficiency of the two years, however, is \$1,085.03.

It would have been gratifying to report increase and profit to our enterprise. And it is with pain that we record the deficiency given above, as required by the facts. Yet the Board feels grateful that even through times of almost unequalled depression and general embarrassment, the publisher has been enabled, by dint of official and personal economy and contrivance, to keep our matters moving, and to pay all current expenses and all claims save his own.

The two years past have been very trying to all publishing enterprises, especially the religious press. The outbreaking of the slave-holders' rebellion, involving us in civil war, inflicted a paralyzing influence upon the minds of community, and upon financial interests generally. Many publishing houses suffered an entire failure, and many religious papers of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Methodist denominations were discontinued. Many publishers reduced the size of their sheets, to save expense. Some have been issued at half their former size. Some have adopted the measure to issue but once in two weeks; and many have, for the time being, contented themselves with the use of an inferior article of paper.

relieved of the expense of employing a pressman and furnishing printing ink, &c. By this arrangement our expenses are reduced more than five hundred dollars per annum.

We now have adjustments for doing our own book work, the last edition of our Hymn Book having been printed on our Adams press. We have not as yet commenced operations in the binding business. A bindery has, however, been introduced into our building by the proprietors of the daily paper referred to, so that we have facilities at hand for doing most kinds of work.

An expression having been adopted by one of the Conferences recently, reflecting upon the publisher because errors were found in the Hymn Book, it is proper to state that all the errors so far as discovered in the first edition were corrected in the plates, more than three years ago. The fifth edition, now extant, is perfect, so far as is known. The stereotyping was done in Cincinnati, at a distance of eighty-five miles from Springfield, and the proofs were passed back and forth, through the mails for correction. The publisher at that time was pressed also with the duties of Editor. Yet it is well known that he took the utmost care and pains to have the work correct throughout, probably in this employing hours when the complainants were enjoying their rest. Yet, after all, he suffered the mortification to find that some errors marked for correction were let slip by the workmen, and crept into the book. Any one of experience knows that the like would be liable to occur in the first edition of any work. Furthermore, the church having been for two years without a supply of Hymn Books, and anxiously looking for the new compilation, was impatient to see the work issued. Inconsiderate persons censured the publisher for tardiness in the case. For months he was besieged with enquiries from all quarters, and was importuned to hurry out the Hymn Book. It must be admitted, that had more time been taken, we might have had a more perfect book.

Some brethren in attendance at the Convention two years ago, were urgent for the immediate enlargement and improvement of our paper, which would have involved considerable outlay. This was shortly before the outbreak of rebellion. The Baltimore Methodist Protestant was then printed on a sheet somewhat larger than ours; but upon the very beginning of the war troubles it had to take in sail, and fall back to a size less than ours. Many other journals did in like manner. Had the desired improvement been made at the time alluded to, an increased expense for paper would have been incurred, of from one hundred to three hundred dollars per year, a corresponding expense for composition, and an outlay of from \$300 to \$400 for new material. This would have extended considerably our present deficiency, if it had not indeed brought us to a suspension. Our Board determined that in its judgment, it was inexpedient then to enter into the improvement required, and it was accordingly deferred for the time. It was, however, fully intended to make the improvement at the end of the sixth volume, one year ago. But at that time the deficiency of over one thousand dollars stared us in the face. And reluctant as we were to use the old type another season, it seemed the dictate of prudence, and indeed of self-preservation to do so. The Literary Society convened just at that juncture, adopted a resolution, giving as its judgment, that by reason of the financial embarrassments of the country, it is inexpedient for us at the present time, to enter into any expensive improvement of our paper. Hence, from the precaution to avoid involvement, from a sense of duty as well as the dictate of prudence, we have continued to use the old type to the end of another volume which has just closed.

Another matter which was deprecated by brethren at the Convention of 1860, was the insertion of medical advertisements in the W. M. Protestant. An order was passed, recommending if not enjoining that such advertisements for the future be ruled out of our paper, upon the expiration of the then existing contracts. This was complied with; and by the means we probably lost several hundred dollars we might have received from good advertising patronage. One firm alone, paying us \$80 per year, would gladly have continued. At this day it is well known that the religious press of all denominations admit advertise-

worth of books and printed sheets, and outstanding claims for \$250 worth of books which have been sold. But the larger deficiency of the previous year remains unliquidated. It might, however, in a little time be fully met by the collection of but part of the outstanding dues, through the prompt exertions of our agents.

And yet, but for a few slight circumstances, our enterprise, even in these troublous times, the two years past, would have fully met its current expenses. Soon after the Convention of 1860, we removed the office to our new quarters, where our establishment is to have its permanent home. Our adjustments, for future operations, of course involved considerable expense.

Then, by the action of the Convention of 1860, our expenses were increased in the sum of four hundred dollars per year (\$800 for the two years) in the election of an editor at a salary of seven hundred dollars per year, leaving the office of Publisher and Book Agent distinct, at a salary of six hundred dollars. It was confidently believed that the attaching to our editorial department the honored name of Rev. George Brown, one of the patriarchs of our denomination, and securing his services in this relation, would inspire such increased exertions on the part of the Agents and friends of our paper, as would secure means to justify the increased expense. It is to be regretted, however, that this expectation has not been realized.

Reference may here be made to a somewhat parallel case in the history of our Church. At the time of our first General Conference, 1834, Revs. N. Snethen and A. Shinn were chosen to serve as joint editors of the Methodist Protestant, in Baltimore. The publisher, Mr. John J. Harrod, in closing his volume of the paper at that time, stated in the issue of May 30, 1834:

"The Editor and Publisher of this paper has paid all the expenses of its publication—these expenses have amounted to about \$1,900 00 more than he has received."

In the same issue the Book Committee announce that "being authorized by the General Conference to employ sufficient talent to edit the paper, have invited Rev. N. Snethen and Rev. A. Shinn to reside in Baltimore, and become editors, on condition that a subscription list sufficiently large to sustain them can be obtained. The advantages of a co-editorship of such distinguished talents will be obvious to our whole community, and will doubtless secure an ample subscription list." (They seem to have felt sure of that. We shall see.)

Those two venerable and distinguished brethren served as joint editors for one year, at the end of which, one of them had to be dispensed with. In the Methodist Protestant of May 27, 1835, we find the following:

"The Book Committee find themselves imperiously impelled to retrench expenses, and there is no department which will bear this operation except that of the editorial. Necessity impels us to employ but one of the present editors, for the forthcoming volume. This is a matter of unspeakable sensation and regret. In making the selection, the claims of Br. Shinn give him the preference, he having a family depending on him for support."

Br. Snethen was excused from further service, and for the ensuing year Br. Shinn served as sole editor, having however a sub-committee of the Book Committee to assist him. At the end of that one year, Br. Shinn had to be relieved of his place, the following announcement appearing in the Methodist Protestant of May 18, 1836:

"The receipts of the past year having fallen greatly short of the expenditures, the Committee have therefore determined on retrenchment; and as this can only be attempted in the editorial department, they have engaged a single man, Rev. Dr. Daniel Davis, to edit the third volume."

The Board would here state that in the incipiency of our business, not being as yet prepared fully to occupy the premises of our new building, we have let a portion thereof for a short term, to the proprietors of a daily and weekly newspaper, upon an arrangement mutually advantageous. The firm referred to, by the arrangement, take charge of our basement and water power, do all our press work, and in addition to this service pay also a moderate rent. We are thus

ASSETS.

Value of Lot and Water Power,	\$3,000 00
Building,	3,500 00
Presses and other apparatus,	2,500 00
Stereotype Plates,	500 00
Books on hand,	400 00
Due for Books,	250 00
Due for Western Methodist Protestant,	4,725 00
Other Bills receivable,	300 00
Total assets,	\$15,175 00

LIABILITIES.

Deficit of the two years, due to the Publisher,	1,086 03
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Balance in favor of Concern,	\$14,088 97
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From the above should be deducted an indefinite amount for bad debts in newspaper subscriptions and other claims, say \$2,088.97, which would leave \$12,000.00.

An abstract of the Report of the Treasurer, Rev. A. H. Trumbo, is herewith communicated to the Convention, showing the state of the Building Accounts and the Donation Fund, which is kept separate from the Publisher's accounts.

Upon the whole, the inspection of the above facts and figures shows, that notwithstanding the discouragements which have beset us, the Board reports progress. We had hoped two years ago, and even one year ago, by this time to report to the Convention and to the Church that every obligation, of whatever kind had been fully met, and that our concern was in properous state. But the war times have been against us, and the apathy of a large portion of our patrons and agents in their exertions to furnish us material aid has tended greatly to our disadvantage. Friends we have, who act nobly, and have our gratitude, and are entitled to great praise; but a little effort of the many others who have come short, would have produced ample means to preclude the deficiency we are compelled to report.

We have not a compensating subscription list. The mammoth journals of our sister denominations have from five to ten-fold the amount of our patronage. Candor compels us to say, that the organ of the Wesleyan Connection, a younger denomination than ours, and having perhaps but half the membership, has a far better support than our paper, its list reaching near five thousand.— One of the M. E. Advocates with a subscription list of 8,000, received an appropriation of \$4,000 by the last General Conference, to help it through the four years' term. But the war times injured its patronage, and within about two years the four thousand dollars was about expended, and straightway appeals are published and reiterated in all the church journals throughout the M. E. Church, soliciting contributions in aid of Dr. Elliott and the Central Christian Advocate, to help them through the four years' term, Bishop Morris, we believe heading the list with a subscription of ten dollars. Now, we have in our perplexity asked for no donations in aid of the paper, though a few have generously given such aid. The donations made to our enterprise have been towards the Lot, Building, and Adams Press. We have but solicited the collection of our actual dues, and the extension of our patronage. Our publisher has been indefatigable in his toils, economical in his management, and has dodged no responsibilities when embarrassment was close upon us. The Board refers thus distinctly to this matter, because one of the Conferences recently in its Minutes published in our paper, of October 8th, offering no word of sympathy or cheer for the publisher in his toil and responsibility, for this church enterprise, yet inflicts, as the Board considers, unreasonable reflections upon him.

It is the opinion of the Board, that the financial period since the last Convention of 1860, was the great crisis in the affairs of our enterprise, and they trust that the crisis is past. Henceforth, if there shall be renewed exertion on the part of our friends, in collecting and transmitting dues, and the accustomed

ments of almost every character. And it strikes us that with the assurance that nothing demoralizing be admitted, it is not needful to dictate to the Publisher or Board respecting the insertion of advertisements.

One year ago last summer, in view of the intended purchase of new material at end of vol. VI, the Publisher bought Dick's Patent Addressing Machine, with the right to use for one year. This apparatus prints and places upon each paper the name of the subscriber and the date of the expiration of his time.— But as the contemplated improvement was deferred, so was deferred also the use of the machine, forasmuch as a considerable font of type is required, with a vast proportion of capitals and figures, for setting up the subscription list and dates appended, and the superceded type, upon making the new purchase, would in great measure answer for this purpose. The machine is therefore, as yet, unused. But the Board has contemplated the necessity of having new type to begin volume VIII of our paper, and the apparatus had better perhaps be used from commencement of the volume, or at as early a day as our printers can effect the arrangement. We shall confidently hope to realize a compensating advantage from the use of this invention, as it will be a standing prompter to any and all subscribers who may be getting in arrears.

The seventh volume of our paper having closed, so near to the time of the assembling of our convention, our paper has a brief suspension, awaiting what action this body may deem best to take respecting the Western Methodist Protestant.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The present number of subscribers for the Western Methodist Protestant, including agents and exchanges, is as follows:

Ohio district	572	New Jersey district	45
Muskingum district	558	Nebraska district	26
Pittsburg district	200	Kansas district	26
Illinois district	165	West. Va. district	26
Western Michigan dist.	159	Boston district	25
North Illinois district	144	Minnesota district	11
Genesee district	143	Missouri district	8
Indiana district	133	Maryland district	6
Onondaga district	131	Oregon	5
Wabash district	118	Kentucky	2
Michigan district	116	California	2
North Iowa district	103	Washington Ter.	2
Iowa district	96	Colorado Ter.	1
Pennsylvania district	91	North Carolina	1
South Illinois district	85	Canada	1
New York district	63		
Wisconsin district	48		
			3,112

AMOUNTS DUE FOR WESTERN METHODIST PROTESTANT.

Ohio district	\$849 50	Western Va. dist.	88 00
Muskingum dist.	747 50	New York district	83 00
N. Illinois district	391 50	Oregon district	58 00
Pittsburg district	336 00	Missouri district	54 00
Indiana district	260 50	Pennsylvania district	47 50
Wabash district	256 00	New Jersey dist.	29 50
Iowa district	253 50	Minneosta district	24 00
Illinois district	206 50	Boston district	17 50
South Illinois dist.	193 00	Kansas	15 00
Onondaga district	166 50	Nebraska	12 00
North Iowa district	146 00	Kentucky	6 00
Wisconsin district	137 00	Maryland	2 00
Western Mich. dist.	121 00	Washington Ter.	2 00
Genesee district	116 00	California	1 50
Michigan district	104 50		
Total,			\$4,725 00

Total indebtedness of the Board for Building Lot, Water Power, Publishing House, Power Press and Fixtures, \$3,147 88
Total subscriptions unpaid, 3,115 73
Add the cash on hand, 319 62
And we have a total sum of cash on hand \$3435 35
Deduct indebtedness, 3,147 88

Leaving in favor of the Concern, - - - - - \$287 47

Which is respectfully submitted. In behalf of the Board, A. H. TRUMBO, Treasurer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 7th, 9 o'clock.

Opening religious exercises conducted by Br. P. J. Strong.

On motion of Br. Scott, the Report of Committee on Instructions was taken up, and on motion of Br. S. H. Flood re-committed, with instructions to report in full on all instructions given.

The Commissioners appointed by this Convention to confer with those from Western Virginia Conference, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

Your Commissioners appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the West Virginia Conference, on the subject of a union of that body with this association, beg leave to report that said Commissioners have submitted the following proposition to your Committee, and we respectfully recommend the reception of said Conference into this association on the terms therein proposed, viz:

To the Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Methodist Protestant Church, assembled in General Convention, at Cincinnati, Ohio—Greeting:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The undersigned, having been appointed and fully empowered, as Commissioners of the Western Virginia Conference, to negotiate with your honorable body, for the purpose of uniting our Conference with the Association of Conferences represented in your Convention, respectfully ask of you the admission of the Western Virginia Conference into your Association, upon the same terms with the other Conferences which now compose it.

D. B. DORSEY, } Board of
J. L. SIMPSON, } Commissioners.
SAMUEL YOUNG,

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 7th, 1862.

We further recommend that the Commissioners of said Conference be admitted to membership in this body. JNO SCOTT, Ch'n.

Pending the discussion of which, Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Opening religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Evans.

The report favoring the reception of the Western Virginia Conference, pending at the hour of adjournment, was now taken up. The ayes and nays being called for, resulted as follows: Ayes 34, Nays 2. Upon further explanation, the nays concurred, making the vote unanimous.

Whereupon it was announced by the Chair that Western Virginia Conference is received into the association of Northern and Western Conferences, and the Commissioners from said Conference invited to take seats as members of this Convention.

On motion of Br. S. Graham, the brethren from Western Virginia were invited to the front seats, in order that members of this Convention may welcome and extend to them the right hand of fellowship. Deferred for the present.

Br. O. C. Payne was excused from serving on the Missionary Committee, and I. Chivington appointed in his place.

Committee on Education and Literature submitted their Report in part. The number of Commissioners referred to in the Report was fixed at five. Pending a motion for adoption.

Convention adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock.

economy and vigilance at the office of publication, we hope to be enabled to do better, and to report more favorably in the future. The enormous and unprecedented rise however, in the price of paper and other material for the business of publication, will add seriously to the amount of our weekly expenses, and will require increased income to enable us to meet these expenses.

It was always the opinion of the Board, respectfully entertained, that the last Convention committed an indiscretion in increasing their expenses as it did, in the designation of salaries. The Board deems that under present circumstances one thousand dollars per year, equally divided between Editor and Publisher, is as much as should be required, and as much as we would be justified in paying for their services, at the present.

New material for our paper, to commence the new volume with improved appearance, will have to be immediately procured. This will involve an outlay of little short of four hundred dollars. It will be necessary, therefore, to have measures taken at once to raise means for meeting this expense, so that we do not begin the forthcoming financial period with a debt. The collection of one tenth part of the amounts due us for Western Methodist Protestant would pay for our new type and fixtures at once. Shall it be obtained?

Repeated experiments have been made in enforcing the advance pay system. Our entire list being too light for a fully compensating patronage, if we should be strict to cut off indiscriminately all who fail to pay in advance, it was feared we might soon have so few subscribers as not to be justified in continuing to issue our paper. A number of Conferences, a year ago, adopted resolutions pledging the payment for all their subscribers within three months. This latitude was given. Some brethren fulfilled their pledges, some did not, some asked an extension of the time. Many were continued to end of the volume, and are yet in arrears. Of these, it will probably be best to discontinue a large portion before commencing the new volume. Many have taken offence heretofore, upon having their names erased, and have refused to renew. They ought not so to take it. We wish and need to retain all our paying subscribers. But it is desirable, and in all respects best that all should pay in advance.—An expression of the views of the Convention as to the propriety of the enforcement of the advance pay system from beginning of the new volume, would be acceptable, and might do some good. Respectfully submitted,

W. STEELE,
A. H. TRUMBO, } *Board of Trust.*
A. H. BASSETT,

Springfield, O., Nov. 4, 1862.

On motion, the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trust, A. H. Trumbo, was also referred to said Committee.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Nov. 5th, 1862:

The Board of Trust sends greeting: And in compliance with the direction of the Literary Association, the Treasurer of the Board sends to this Body an abstract of his Report, made to the Literary Association at their last meeting, showing the financial condition of his department, in establishing the Book Concern of the M. P. Church in the city of Springfield, O. This Report dates from Oct. 16th, 1861, to Oct. 22d, 1862, so far as relates to receipts and disbursements of moneys:

Donation receipts,	\$1,350 45
Receipts of loan,	550 83
Total receipts,	\$1,901 28
Total expenditures,	1,581 66
Cash on hand,	\$319 62

upon in detail by such Commissioners or Committees as shall be appointed by this body and the proper authorities of the Methodist Protestant Church.

"Resolved, That it is the intention of the Board in the proposition here made to place the Methodist Protestant body, should it accept the offer now made it to equal rights and responsibilities as the Wesleyan Methodists in the nomination of Professors and all other vital interests of the institution.

"Resolved, That President Mahan, Prof. John McEldowney and T. D. Ramsdell be appointed Commissioners on the part of the Board to meet the Convention of the Meth. Prot. Church, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 5th day of Nov. next, to present this subject to that body; and we hereby authorize said Commissioners to propose such terms of co-operation as shall agree with the principles of the association of this corporation."

Your Committee find, from the report of Pres't Mahan and Prof. McEldowney who are now in attendance upon this Convention, that the College above named was incorporated March 22, 1859; that already buildings have been erected, costing \$45,000, and a capital stock of over \$80,000 secured by Trustees; that a Board of Instruction of an able character are engaged in the College, filling leading chairs of professorships; and that a respectable body of students are in attendance, having the essential appliances necessary for Collegiate instruction with all the requisite power of conferring degrees possessed by regularly chartered Colleges of the country, and having before them prospects of enlarged and abundant success.

In the generous and liberal proposals submitted to our election by the Trustees of Adrian College, we perceive a most signal and providential opportunity to secure the end under consideration in a most desirable form. The location of this College, while it is in all other respects most propitious is sufficiently central to meet the wants of our denomination.

By raising within a reasonable time, for the endowment of the College, and for the furtherance of the interests of education therein, the sum of \$60,000, we can become, with the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, joint proprietors of the Institution, in the appointment of an equal number of members in the Board of Trustees, and attain to an equal interest in this College. Such a proposal, we think, ought to be regarded by us with the most cordial favor; and after a careful consideration of this entire subject, we submit for your action the following resolutions.

Resolved, 1st, That we accept the offer tendered the Methodist Protestant Church by the Trustees of Adrian College, provided that the Commissioners hereafter to be appointed shall, on visiting the College, and after due examination, find the facts of the case as they have been reported to us.

Resolved, 2d, That [] be appointed Commissioners to visit said College, and inquire into its condition and prospects, and confer with the Trustees of the same, and that said Commissioners be fully authorized and empowered to consummate the arrangement under consideration.

Resolved, 3d, That should such arrangement be consummated, said Commissioners shall organize themselves as an Executive Committee, to appoint agencies and transact other operations requisite to raise the fund of \$60,000 above proposed to be pledged by this body, and to secure an investment of the same for the support of the College.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Rose, Ch'n.

The following persons were reported by Br. Rose as Commissioners to confer with the Trustees of Adrian College, and duly elected by the Convention:— Wm. Gunckel, Gov. F. H. Pierpoint, J. K. Ogden, John Scott, J. J. White.

On motion, a committee of five was ordered to report instructions to the Commissioners appointed to negotiate with the Trustees of Adrian College.

The following brethren were appointed said Committee: Dr. D. B. Dorsey, P. J. Strong, J. Robison, C. Link, C. Cooley, John Whetstone.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Dr. J. M. Flood conducted opening religious exercises.

The Convention being full, the Chairman invited to the front seats the Com-

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Opening religious exercises conducted by Br. J. L. Simpson.

Committee on Instructions made a report, which was laid on the table.

The Report of Committee on Education and Literature was considered, and so much of the Report as relates to our former history and reverses, was, on motion of Br. Robison, stricken out.

SATURDAY MORNING, Nov. 8TH, 9 O'CLOCK.

Opening religious exercises conducted by Br. S. H. Flood.

The Report of Committee on Education and Literature was again taken up, and, on motion of O. C. Payne, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LITERATURE.

To the President and Members of the Convention :

Your Committee, appointed to take into consideration the subjects pertaining to Education and Literature, submit the following report :

No reflecting mind can doubt that to every denomination of Christians a College is a necessity; and that to our perpetuity and success as a denomination, a College of the highest order, where our sons and daughters may perfect their education, is indispensable. Educated mind will of course attach itself to those denominations from whose institutions education in its highest form is to be obtained. Of the truth of this statement our experience hitherto has afforded a melancholy demonstration. Our educated sons and daughters are in fact in those denominations in whose institutions they perfected their education; and this disastrous drain upon our membership will continue to increase upon us unless we, as now God calls upon us to do, shall arise and build.

Other reasons of the most obvious character present themselves, demonstrating the necessity of such a College to our highest prosperity, and, we might add, to our self respect and respectability as a denomination.

It is an undeniable fact, for example, that during the period of our existence, the progress of our Church literature has not kept pace with our progress in other essential particulars; and that, too, while the literature of sister denominations has been making very rapid progress. This will also continue to increase upon us until we shall arise and build.

Your Committee report that through President Mahan and Prof. John McEldowney, of Adrian College, located at Adrian, Mich., the following proposition has been submitted to this Convention.

"WHEREAS, In the establishment of Adrian College it was anticipated and talked of that there might and would in all probability be others to co-operate in the enterprise beside the Wesleyan Methodists and the citizens of Adrian and vicinity, the Methodist Protestant Church being named especially; and

"WHEREAS, Some of the yearly Conferences of the Wesleyan Methodists have informally but cordially indicated a desire that such co-operation should be inaugurated as soon as it could be consistently done; and

"WHEREAS, The election of Dr. J. Kost to a professorship in the College introduces, in a certain form, the Methodist Protestant denomination, he being regarded in an honorable sense a representative man; and

"WHEREAS, The College is established upon a basis of amleness abundantly equal to all the present or prospective wants of the Wesleyan and M. Protestant bodies, and is so centralized in its location as to be equally accommodating to both bodies, and is now promising a career of usefulness highly gratifying to our hopes, and opening a field of educational benefits of vast importance; therefore,

"Resolved, By the Trustees of Adrian College, upon our own conviction of the fitness of the measure, and under the sanction and advice thereto of leading individuals in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, do, in our corporate capacity, offer to the Methodist Protestant body the right of becoming joint co-operators in Adrian College, on such just and equal terms as shall be agreed

Same brother moved as an amendment the following, to be inserted after the word power: "Within the Constitution." Carried.

Same brother then moved that the whole document, as amended, be indefinitely postponed. Withdrawn.

On motion of Br. Rose, the whole matter was referred to a committee of five, viz: D. B. Dorsey, P. J. Strong, A. H. Bassett, J. Robison, R. C. Lanning

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Rev. J. L. Simpson conducted opening religious exercises.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, through Br. Walker, which on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would report for the adoption of this body:

1st. That, as a people, we hold the Sabbath School to be one of the most valuable auxiliaries of the Christian Church, and of all other forms of Church organization the best calculated to diffuse in the youthful mind the knowledge of the Word of God, and the principles of the Kingdom of Christ.

2d. That we fully indorse that clause in the Constitution of our Church which requires that "the children of our members shall be recognized as enjoying probationary privileges in the Church, and therefore should be instructed and trained by their parents and the Church, in view of being received at an early period into full membership."

3d. That we regard it to be the duty of all the ministers and members of our Church, so far as possible, to give their influence and labors to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools.

4th. That it shall be the duty of the Book Agent at Springfield, Ohio, to keep on hand a sufficient supply of the most approved Sunday School publications, to meet the wants of our people in this department.

5th. That we regard it to be the duty, and hereby request our people, as far as possible, in making their purchases, to patronize our own book and publishing house.

6th. It shall be the duty of the Editor and Publisher of the W. M. Protestant, at as early a period as shall be found practicable, to edit and publish a Sabbath School paper, to be called "The Sunday School Protestant;" said paper to be published semi-monthly; but the numbers for each month may both be printed and mailed to subscribers at the same time.

The Committee on Education and Literature reported in relation to Dr. Dorsey's History of the M. P. Church, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of S. H. Flood, a committee of three was appointed on Temperance—S. H. Flood, J. L. Simpson, C. Cooley.

Br. Dorsey read the Majority Report of Committee on Br. Strong's paper, and J. Robison read a Minority Report.

MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POWERS OF CONVENTION.

After very careful consideration of the subject submitted to them, the majority of your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Although the recommendation of the Convention which assembled in Pittsburgh in November, 1860, has no technical recognition in our law, yet it was the basis of action to the several Annual Conferences represented in this Convention. These Conferences instructed their delegates with a view to, and some of them in the very language of, the following clauses of that recommendation, namely: "Our future policy seems to require the call of a Convention with full powers to legislate upon the Constitution and Discipline of the Church. It is, therefore, submitted, that this Convention recommend to the Annual Conferences of the Meth. Prot. Association to concur, first, in the call of a Convention to meet at the Sixth Street Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the first Wednesday of November, in the year 1862, which shall have full power to legislate upon the Constitution and Discipline of the Church." Indeed, the very time

missioners of Western Virginia Conference, and while singing, the members of the Convention came forward and extended the right hand of fellowship, amid tears and rejoicing, hailing Western Virginia as a sister Conference in this association.

On motion, the Report of Committee on Instructions was taken up, divided, and then adopted.

Br. Scott offered a resolution restoring to General Conference the Paper and Book Concern.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1854, in Steubenville, Ohio, did throw out the Church paper and Book Concern, to a Convention unknown to the Constitution, which Convention and other successive Conventions have managed the interests committed to their care acceptably for the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, This Convention is clothed, by a competent number of Annual Conferences, with power and authority to organize a General Conference at its present session; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Convention, now about to be adjourned *sine die*, That the Western Methodist Protestant and Book Concern, and all other Church interests under Conventional control, be, and the same are hereby restored to the management and control of the General Conference of the M. P. Church, now about to be organized.

Adopted.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Br. O. C. Payne conducted opening religious exercises.

A resolution was offered recommending certain changes in the Constitution. On a motion to adopt, the Chair decided a motion to change the Constitution out of order. Br. Flood took an appeal from the Chairman's decision. The Convention sustained the Chair.

Br. Flood moved to reconsider the Report of Committee on Instructions, pending the discussion of which, Convention adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING, Nov. 10, 9 o'clock.

Br. Acheson conducted opening religious exercises.

The reconsideration of the Report of Committee on Instructions was now taken up, carried and re-committed, and P. J. Strong added to the Committee.

A Committee of five was ordered on the Condition of the Country. The following brethren appointed: Dr. D. B. Dorsey, J. M. Johnson, A. Acheson, T. Douglass, G. W. Pogue.

Br. P. J. Strong offered the following, affirming the powers of this Convention to be full and unlimited:

WHEREAS, The Convention of Northern and Western Conferences of the M. Prot. Church, held in Pittsburgh, Nov., 1860, did recommend the call of a General Convention, to meet in Cincinnati in Nov., 1862, in the words following, to wit: "Our future policy seems to require the call of a Convention with full powers to legislate upon the Constitution and Discipline of the Church; it is therefore submitted, that this Convention recommend to the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Prot. association to concur, first, in the call of a Convention, to meet at Sixth Street Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the first Wednesday of November, in the year 1862, which shall have full power to legislate upon the Constitution and Discipline of the Church;" and

WHEREAS, All of the Annual Conferences represented in the association of Conferences in the North and West, of the Methodist Protestant Church, except one, did concur in the above named recommendation to call a General Convention, with full legislative power, and did appoint delegates to represent them in said General Convention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, being called and constituted as above, that it possesses full power to legislate on all parts of the Constitution and Discipline of the Church.

P. J. STRONG.

Br. Scott offered the following amendment, which was lost: After the word power, "Without any constitutional restrictions."

Pending a motion to adopt the Majority Report, Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Rev. G. B. Rogers conducted religious services.

On motion, the Majority and Minority Reports in relation to the powers of this Convention were laid on the table, and Br Robison released from serving on the Committee on Instructions, and I. Chivington appointed to fill his place.

Convention adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 11TH, 9 O'CLOCK.

Rev. J. Robison conducted religious services.

On motion of Br. Robison, Committee on Instructions were required to distinguish between those Conferences which have given formal instructions and those which have not.

Br. T. Douglass read a resolution, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Dr. Scott, a committee of three was appointed to open correspondence with the Primitive Methodists of England and Canada. Chair appointed Rev. Wm. Reeves, E. A. Brindley, John L. Sands.

On motion of Br. Gunckel, the Rules of Order were so changed as to allow but five minutes to each speaker, and only one speech on any question, without leave.

C. R. Underwood reported on Statistics, which, on motion of A. H. Bassett, was re-committed to include statistics of Western Virginia Conference.

On motion of Br. Swift, J. L. Simpson was added to Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on State of the Country reported, through Dr. D. B. Dorsey, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, followed by a solemn season of prayer for the President of the United States, led by Rev. J. Robison.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee on the State of the Country beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions for adoption by the Convention:

WHEREAS, Our country continues to be involved in all the horrors and dangers of a civil war, unparalleled in the history of the world, alike in its gigantic proportions and in the vital interests which it shall affect for good or ill; and

WHEREAS, We cannot be cold spectators of the scenes occurring around us, because they appeal to our sympathies and our principles as patriots, as Christians, and as philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, We deem it our duty, to our country, to the world at large, and to our God, to utter our sympathies and sentiments in this hour of danger to the country and to civil liberty; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we cling with fond affection to the institutions bequeathed to us by our revolutionary sires, and that we infinitely prefer them to any other that ever have been, or that may be, proposed as a substitute for them.

2. *Resolved*, That we therefore sanction, with all our hearts, the prosecution of the current war for their maintenance, and we recommend that this war be pushed with the utmost energy and to the last extremity; because in its successful prosecution alone, we see the prevention of anarchy and misrule, of widespread dissensions and mediæval tyranny and vassalage, of universal distraction, contentions and bloodshed, more fearfully desolating and terrible than anything that can now result from the course that we thus earnestly recommend.

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln; because it strikes at that baleful cause of all our civil and ecclesiastical difficulties, American slavery—the sum of all villainies, the darling idol of villains, the central power of villainous secessionism, but now, by the wisdom of the President, about to be made the agent of retributive justice in punishing that culmination of villainous enterprises, the attempt to overthrow the most glorious civil government that God's providence ever established upon earth.

4. *Resolved*, That we earnestly deprecate all dissensions and divisions among those who profess loyalty to the Government and attachment to our free institu-

and place of meeting of the present Convention, as well as all other circumstances attending it, fully indicate that it has been assembled with special and sole reference to the call of the Pittsburg Convention just quoted.

Now, the majority of your Committee cannot but infer from this fact that the several Annual Conferences, except in cases where special restrictions have been made, have invested their delegates to this Convention with that "*full power* to legislate upon the Constitution and Discipline of the Church," which is twice mentioned, and in the same language precisely, in the call or recommendation alluded to.

By this expression, "*full power*," the majority of your committee understand all the power which the Constitution requires, for changing any or all of its provisions which may be changed at all by a Convention of the Church; and as the less is always included in the greater, it includes the power to alter or abolish the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitution, as well as any other.

The majority of your Committee have not failed to consider the technical difficulty founded upon a strict construction of the language of Section 2, Article xvii, in our Constitution, which has been so interpreted as to make that section require a special call in order to procure any legal change of the 2d, 10th or 14th Articles of the Constitution. We think, however, that so rigid an interpretation as this, under the present circumstances, would defeat the aims and purposes of the people who sent us to this Convention, and defeat them, too, by the process of a mere technical interpretation.

We recommend, therefore, the adoption of the preamble and resolutions referred to our committee, signed by Brs. P. J. Strong and J. J. White. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. DORSEY,

P. J. STRONG,

A. H. BASSETT,

R. C. LANNING.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POWERS OF CONVENTION.

It may appear presumptuous on the part of an individual to set up his judgment in opposition to his brethren, especially when they are of acknowledged worth and wisdom; but in the case upon which the committee has been appointed, the undersigned has utterly failed to agree with his brethren of the committee, and feels constrained to dissent from them, and make a minority report, as follows:

That in his judgment this Convention is not clothed with constitutional power to alter, modify or repeal the 2d, 10th and 14th Articles of the Constitution.

1. Because the people have not acted in their primary assemblies in the premises, delegating to the members of this Convention the power to act upon said Articles.

2. Because two-thirds of the Annual Conferences have not given formally as specific instructions to their delegates to alter or amend any or either of the three articles above specified, as required by the plain letter of the Constitution of the Church. [See Article on the restriction of legislative assemblies]

3. As to the call contained in the Minutes of the Pittsburg Convention, it is manifestly so vague and indefinite, no point or points being specified on which legislation is desired, that it could not have been intended by that body which recommended the call, that the Annual Conferences would suppose their delegates to this Convention simply by virtue of their election, and without instructions, clothed with unlimited and irresponsible power to do just what they thought proper with the Constitution and Discipline of the Church.

Your committee would therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, That as two thirds of the Annual Conferences have not instructed their delegates to this Convention to act upon the 2d, 10th and 14th Articles of the Constitution, or indeed any other part of it, therefore this Convention has no power to act in the premises.

JAMES ROBISON.

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failed to publish their statistics for the last year. The committee has ventured, in those instances, to use the figures found in the table of the statistics of the Convention of 1860. Respectfully submitted.

C. R. UNDERWOOD, Ch'n.

[This Report was referred to the Editor of the "WESTERN METHODIST PROTESTANT" for completion, and the Secretaries of Annual Conferences were directed to furnish him the material necessary for performing this duty. No such material has been furnished, and the Report goes to press in very imperfect condition, containing in many instances the statistics of 1860, some of which had been borrowed in that year from preceding years. No one who is even tolerably acquainted with M. P. statistics can be convinced that our association of Conferences embraces only about forty thousand members!—ED. W. M. PROTESTANT.]

Br. Finkbine, from Committee on Paper and Book Concern, made their report.

On motion of J. Scott, the Report was made the order of the day for this afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Br. Long offered preamble and resolutions relative to the collection of funds due the W. M. Protestant, which were laid on the table.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Opening religious exercises by Br. Scott.

Dr. Dorsey reported instructions to commissioners appointed to negotiate with Adrian College, which were re-committed.

Br. Walker, from Committee on Instructions from Annual Conferences reported, which report was laid on the table.

The order of the day being called for, the Report of Committee on Paper and Book Concern was read, and so much of the Report as preceded the resolutions was adopted. On motion of J. Scott, the first resolution was laid on the table.

Br. Scott offered the following:

Resolved, That we recommend the Board of Trust to retrench their expenses so far as practicable, so the receipts of the Concern may meet its expenses."

Pending the consideration of which, Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Br. Boynton conducted opening religious exercises.

J. B. Walker moved that so much of the Report of Committee on Paper and Book Concern as remains unadopted be referred to a special committee of three. Carried. W. Gunckel. D. B. Dorsey, P. J. Strong, were appointed said committee.

The report of Committee on Instructions was now taken up, and so much of the report as relates to a statement of the position of the Annual Conferences in reference to desired changes in the Constitution and Discipline, was adopted.

The amendment to the restrictive rule, proposed in the first item, on motion of Br. Rose, was laid on the table.

The resolution of T. Douglass as to the course to be pursued in view of proposed changes, was taken up and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to act by direct vote on all questions of amendment to the Constitution asked for by the Annual Conferences represented in this Convention, and that the same be determined by a majority vote of this body, and referred back to the Annual Conferences of the several Districts for their approval, and if approved by two-thirds of the said Annual Conferences and the people at their next meeting after the rising of this Convention, and report the same to the Editor of the W. M. Protestant, the same shall take effect immediately, and be regarded as the rule of the M. P. Church.

The committee was permitted informally to amend their report on the first item, which was then taken up and adopted.

tions ; and that we deem it suspicious at least, if not strong evidence of sympathy with our enemies, when men in our midst attempt to create such divisions or dissensions, upon any pretext whatsoever.

5. *Resolved*, That [] be appointed a committee of three to address the President of the United States, and express to him, in the name of the Methodist Protestant Church, the sentiments of loyalty contained in these resolutions, and to assure him that our people endorse his Proclamation, sustain the war, and are ready to do and suffer all things necessary for the maintenance of our glorious Government intact.

D. B. DORSEY, Ch'n.

The blank was filled by the Convention with the names of Dr. D. B. Dorsey, Dr. Jno. Scott, and Jno. Whetstone, Esq.

On motion, the Report was ordered to be published in the city papers, American Wesleyan and Western Methodist Protestant, with the action had thereon.

The Report of Committee on Dr. Dorsey's History of the M. P. Church was taken up and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DR. DORSEY'S HISTORY OF THE M. P. CHURCH.

Your committee, to whom was submitted for examination a manuscript copy of a "History of the M. P. Church," written by Dr. Dossey, of the Western Virginia Conference, beg to report:

That not having at command the time necessary to such thorough examination of the work as its merits entitle it to, we nevertheless are satisfied that its publication would prove an important and valuable acquisition to our Church literature, and, therefore, recommend its author to put it to press at an early period.

R. Rose, Ch'n.

On motion, the Report of Committee on Statistics was referred to the Editor yet to be elected, to be perfected and published.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CONFERENCES.	ITINERANT MIN. & PRS.	UNSTATIONED MINS. & PRS.	MEMS.	HOUS. OF WORSHIP	PARSON- AGES.	VAL OF CH. PROPERTY.
Maine,	11		500	4½	1	\$6000
Boston,	20	3	650	15	2	45700
New York,	24	31	1909	41½	4	86000
New Jersey,	13	17	1073	20		20200
Onondaga,	30	23	1122	9	5	10000
Genesee,	25	11	1000	9	3	10400
Pennsylvania,	11	9	825			
Pittsburg,	24	32	3621	41	9	122150
Western Virginia,	30		7187		10	
Muskingum,	38	15	6019	109½	9	82500
Ohio,	29	57	4825	99	19	128025
Michigan,	40	19	1581	4	8	5875
Western Michigan,	19	21	998	6	6	9030
Indiana,	20	23	1953	31	3	15502
Wabash,	13	6	847			
Illinois,			1300			
North Illinois,	42	28	1419	14½	12	19750
South Illinois,	27	14	1957	8	3	5325
Iowa,	22	5	971	3	1	2700
North Iowa,	28	7	924	6	1	10800
Wisconsin,	13		329	2	1	
Minnesota,	7	1	254			
Nebraska,	11		300			
Oregon,	19		167	4		4300
Total,	464	314	40479	328	87	\$575507

The committee would here state that several of the Annual Conferences have

Br. Walker, from Committee on Instructions, reported further:

Item 5, under Article XI, in the Discipline, was, on motion, so amended as to insert the words "when necessary" after the word "appointed."

The 10th item of the Report was laid on the table.

The 11th item was so amended as to insert, instead of "erase their names from the Church Register," the following: "suspend them from all Church privileges until they amend;" and then adopted as amended.

On motion of Br. Robison, the whole document was then referred to the General Conference.

Br. Gunckel read Report of second Committee on Paper and Book Concern. Convention proceeded to act upon the Report by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the instructions and requests of the various Annual Conferences represented in this body, do find that more than a constitutional majority of the Annual Conferences have clothed their delegates to this Convention with full legislative powers; but do not find a perfect agreement in the instructions given on the various points. Some have received specific and definite instructions, while others are left by their Conferences to exercise their own judgment and discretion. The following are the specific instructions given:

1. *The Restrictive Rule*—Nine Conferences favor modification, viz: Boston, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Wabash, North Illinois and Nebraska; and six Conferences oppose, viz: Onondaga, Western Michigan, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota.

2. *Traveling Presidency*.—Ten Conferences favor modification, viz: Boston, New York, New Jersey, Genesee, Ohio, Indiana, Wabash, North Illinois and Iowa; and six are opposed to change, viz: Onondaga, Western Michigan, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota.

3. *Rule on Probationary Membership*.—Four Conferences are favorable to abolishing it, viz: Genesee, Indiana, Wabash and South Illinois; and two are opposed to change, viz: Onondaga and Western Michigan.

4. *The Order of Deacon*—Five Conferences favorable to abolishing, viz: Genesee, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wabash and Minnesota; and three against, viz: Onondaga, Western Michigan and Pittsburg.

5. *Rule in reference to Door-keeper*.—Six Conferences favor abolishing, viz: Onondaga, Genesee, Western Michigan, Indiana, Wabash and North Illinois; none opposed.

6. *In reference to expunging the word "male."*—Four Conferences are favorable, viz: Indiana, Wabash, North Illinois and Iowa; none opposed.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee submit the following for your action as our Report in part:

1st. That the latter clause of the 7th section of Article X. of the Constitution be so modified as to confer the power on each Annual Conference to determine for itself, and in view of its own necessities and the indications of Providence, the length of time for which it may appoint its ministers and preachers to its several fields of labor. Your committee, therefore, would submit the following for your action: We recommend that the present rule stand as it is, with the following words appended, viz: "except in cases of necessity, of which the Annual Conferences shall be the judge."

2d. That the rule requiring the President of an Annual Conference to travel through the District, and visit all the circuits and stations, be so modified as to allow each Annual Conference to decide whether he shall travel the District or be appointed to a field of labor. We therefore submit for your action, viz:—The striking out of the following words in Article XI., Section 2. of the Constitution: "to travel through the District, and visit all the circuits and stations, and to be present, as far as practicable, at all the quarterly meetings and camp meetings of his District."

4th. That the word "male" in Article XII., Section 1, of the Constitution, be stricken out.

The amendment in the second item in reference to a traveling Presidency was adopted.

The third item, proposing to abolish the probationary relation, was rejected.

The fourth item, striking out the word "male," was adopted.

The fifth item, abolishing the office of Deacon, was rejected.

The last item was rejected.

Br. Smith moved it be the duty of superintendents, at the time of instructing delegates to the next Annual Conferences after the rise of this Convention, to present these proposed changes to the people for their approval or rejection. And in case there is no superintendent, then the stewards of the churches shall present the matter. Carried,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Opening religious services conducted by Br. Rose.

On motion of Br. Chivington, so much of the Report adopted last evening as relates to a traveling Presidency was re-considered, and then laid on the table.

On motion of Br. S. H. Flood, the Article in the Constitution defining the duties of the President was so amended as to read as follows: "to travel through the District, if it be required by his Annual Conference."

Br. Simpson, from Committee on Temperance, made a report, which, on motion of Br. Payne, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, would respectfully report:

We deem it unnecessary to present proofs that intemperance is a sin against which the Church should "cry aloud, and spare not." It is an admitted fact that this is one of the chief evils of our beloved land—the bane of society, which has disqualified thousands of our once happy and useful citizens for the discharge of the duties they owe their country, their families and their God. It has robbed our legislative halls of many of the brightest stars that have ever adorned our political firmament. It has with rude defiance trampled upon the patience, care and love of many kind and indulgent fathers. Ah, yes! this heartless and diabolical evil, intemperance, has even attacked the pure and highly sensitive citadel where the mother's love exerts its almost heavenly order and strength, tearing from her most tender embraces the son of her love—her prospective strength and comfort. This fearful evil, with cruel treachery, has broken earth's most sacred vows, and deprived the faithful and devoted wife of her rightful protector and her dearest bosom friend—converting her lover into a fiend, to hate and abuse whom he has sworn to love and comfort. This much to be dreaded evil has, with harsh and unfeeling neglect, left the dependent child without a guide or protector, depriving it of its father's care and affection, and leaving it to grope amid the dark, friendless and fatherless scenes of destitution. And more than all, this monster evil has insidiously entered the sacred desk, and from that high and holy place has thrown the minister of eternal life down to the drunkard's hell, thus bringing disrepute upon our holy religion. Yea! thousands upon thousands of immortal souls have, by its ruinous influences, been brought from amidst the saving powers of the Gospel to graves of infamy, and finally to hopeless despair forever. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we, the members of the General Convention of the M. P. Church, sitting in Cincinnati Nov. 12th, 1862, deem it proper to declare our hearty recognition of the fact that temperance is a duty enjoined by the Word of God upon all.

Resolved 2d, That we esteem it the legitimate duty of every minister of Christ to present the subject of temperance in their discourses, on all suitable occasions.

Resolved, 3d, That we hereby express our earnest disapprobation to the making, vending or using (as a beverage,) intoxicating liquor, by the ministers or members of the M. P. Church, believing that it is inconsistent with an enlightened membership in the Church of Christ.

S. H. FLOOD, Ch'n.

The third item of the Report was adopted.

The fourth item was, on motion of Br. White, amended by striking out so much as makes the Editor and Publisher personally responsible for losses, and then adopted as amended.

The fifth item was adopted.

The sixth item was laid on the table.

Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Opening religious services by Rev. C. H. Williams.

The Chairman announced R. C. Lanning, J. M. Johnson and J. L. Simpson a Committee on Boundaries.

On motion of Br. Scott, the ratio of representation was ordained as follows: One minister and one layman for each one thousand members; Provided, nevertheless, any Conferencee having a fraction over six hundred members shall be entitled to one minister and one layman for said fraction; and provided further, any Annual Conference having less than one thousand members shall be entitled to one ministerial and one lay representative.

Report of special Committee on Paper and Book Concern was taken up, and on motion of Br. White, the seventh item was laid on the table.

The eighth item was amended so as to allow 25 cents on each new subscriber obtained, and then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN AND PAPER.

Your special committee, to whom was referred the unadopted portion of the Report of the Committee on the Publishing Agent's Report, submitted to them, beg leave to recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the following improvements shall be made in the mechanical appearance of the "Western Methodist Protestant": 1st—It shall be printed upon new type, of which all business notices, obituaries and advertisements shall be at least two grades smaller than that of the general reading matter. 2d—Two columns of advertisements shall be introduced on the third and two on the fourth pages, but none on the first and second. 3d—The character of the reading matter shall be designated by a "general heading," in suitable type of modern style. 4th—The name of the paper, commonly known as "the heading," shall be changed to a modern and tasteful style of type. 5th—The columns of the paper shall be decreased in width in such proportion as shall decrease the whole width of the page at least one and one-half inches. 6th—That the line below the "heading," designating the Conferencees for which the paper is published, shall be omitted. 7th—All other details pertaining to the general appearance of the paper shall be made to correspond with the current styles observed by the best religious newspapers of our country.

2. *Resolved*, That the Editor and Publisher of the paper shall each receive a salary of *eight hundred dollars* per annum; and in addition to this amount the Editor and Publisher shall also receive a sum sufficient to defray their expenses in fulfilling the duties prescribed in the following resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That besides performing their usual duties, the Editor and Publisher shall, as far as practicable, attend the sessions of the several Annual Conferences, and visit other places suitable to the purpose, to collect moneys due the Book Concern, to solicit subscriptions to the paper, and donations to our publishing enterprise, and otherwise to advance the general interests of the Book Concern and Periodical.

4. *Resolved*, That the "cash system" shall be strictly followed in conducting our publishing enterprises, and that the Editor and Publisher shall hold personally responsible to them, all agents accredited by the Board of Trust or the several Annual Conferences.

5. *Resolved*, That if the Board of Trust shall deem it profitable, they shall procure the necessary materials for, and direct the Book Agent to conduct the business of, job printing at our publishing establishment; and that this business shall be conducted upon the same terms, and accounted for in the same manner, as the other business of the printing establishment.

8th. It is also submitted that so much of Article V., under the head of The Duties of the Superintendents, (page 51,) as pertains to the appointment of door keepers for love-feasts be stricken out.

9th. Also in Article XI. of the Constitution, in the section defining the number of Stewards that the quarterly conference may elect, that the words, "not more than seven," be stricken out.

11th. That the Article on the Means of Grace, on page 76, be so amended as to strike out all after the word "amend," and insert the following: "The superintendents shall, with the consent of the quarterly conference, suspend them from all Church privileges until they shall amend, and shall, at the first suitable time, inform the Church of the fact."

Br. Brown read a declaration pertaining to the status of the M. P. Church, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Dr. Dorsey, from Committee on Instructions to Commissioners appointed to confer with Adrian College, made a report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONS TO COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following instructions, to be given by this Convention to our Commissioners appointed to negotiate with the Trustees of Adrian College:

1. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners shall make provision for securing to the M. P. Church, in case of future dissolution of the union in regard to Adrian College, all the funds which we shall have invested in said Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners shall secure, in due legal form, all the rights, interests and immunities which shall accrue to our Church in the event of the contemplated union.

3. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners shall fill all vacancies which may occur in their Board, and make all other necessary regulations for the management of the business committed to their direction and control.

4. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners shall be authorized to employ agents to solicit donations, sell scholarships, and otherwise procure means for carrying out the purposes had in view by the Convention in relation to Adrian College.

These instructions assume that the Commissioners shall, at their earliest convenience, visit Adrian, examine closely the condition of the Institution, and confer with its Trustees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Dr. Kost

On motion of Br. Strong, the time of the meeting of the General Conference was changed from the first Tuesday in May to the second Wednesday in November.

The motion changing the time of meeting of the General Conference was re-considered, and then adopted again.

On motion of Br. Robison, the following was adopted:

There shall be a General Conference of this association on the second Wednesday of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty six, in the city of Allegheny, Pa., and on the second Wednesday in November every fourth year thereafter, in such place as may be determined on by the Conference.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention (Article XVII., Section 2) has General Conference powers, to discharge all the duties of the General Conference; in addition to the particular object for which the Convention has been convened.

On motion of Br. Robison, the action of this body referring certain matters to the General Conference, was re-considered, and laid on the table.

The Report of special Committee on Book Concern and Paper was taken up.

On motion of Br. Walker, the second item was amended by inserting \$600 as the salary of Editor, and \$600 as the salary of Publisher.

The term "Publisher" was inserted after the word "Editor," and the item adopted as amended.

Treasurer's Report, there was collected for our Western Mission Fields \$366.57. Of this amount, \$155.17 has been paid out for the relief of our Western brethren, sixty-eight cents for incidental expenses, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of \$210.72.

Your committee have endeavored herewith to present you with a system of operations which it is hoped will remedy the difficulty referred to. We recommend for adoption the following resolutions and Chapter or Constitution:

Resolved, 1. That we will from henceforth engage all our energies to push forward the missionary work, and that we will use our influence and our earnest endeavors to have the disciplinary arrangement which may be adopted by this body carried out in all our Annual Conferences, circuits and stations.

Resolved, 2. That we will encourage and assist, so far as in our power, whomsoever this Convention may elect or appoint Corresponding Secretary, that we will welcome him to our several Annual Conferences, and to our pulpits, and use our best endeavors to induce our people to contribute liberally to this worthy object.

Resolved, 3. That the Board of Missions now to be appointed be requested, so soon as organized, to appoint Rev. J. M. Young as Missionary to Kansas, and that an appropriation of two hundred dollars per annum be made for the benefit of said mission.

Resolved, 4. That our work in Nebraska, and especially in Nebraska City, should be sustained; and for this purpose we recommend the Board to appropriate at least two hundred dollars for the present conference year, and that the quarterly instalments to our missionaries in Kansas and in Nebraska City be paid in advance. And further, that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated, to be placed in the hands of a committee, consisting of W. S. Horn, Absalom Tipton and Wm. Anderson, to be distributed amongst necessitous cases in the bounds of the Nebraska Conference.

Resolved, 5. That it should be the policy of our Board of Missions not to expend in unpromising fields the means which may be collected, or to be so diffusive in its operations as scarcely to benefit any, but it should be its policy to select the most promising fields, and support well what is undertaken, until such missions become self-sustaining.

Resolved, 6. That the Discipline be so amended as to authorize the organization of Mission Conferences, beyond the limits of another Annual Conference whenever there shall be a sufficient number of ministers and laymen to transact the regular business of an Annual Conference. Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC CHIVINGTON,
N. R. SWIFT, } Committee.
CHESTER COOLEY,

MISSIONS.—(See *Discipline*, page 60.)

1. The General Conference shall elect, at each of its regular sessions, a Board of Missions, consisting of three ministers and three laymen, having the qualifications of eligibility, each, to a seat in the General Conference. The Board shall reside in or near the city of Springfield, Ohio, and shall proceed to organize, within the space of twenty days, if practicable, after the rise of this General Convention, by electing a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and the necessary standing committees. The officers shall be elected annually. The Board shall meet at least once a quarter for the transaction of business, and to hear the Reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, for the preceding quarter.

The Board shall have power to frame such Rules and Regulations for the government of its own proceedings, as it may deem necessary, to take charge of all Missions established by the General Conference. It shall have authority to employ such ministers and preachers to serve as Missionaries as a majority of the Board may deem qualified, and when necessary to renew or change said appointments periodically; to divide, when they deem it necessary, equitably, such funds as may not be appropriated, amongst the Annual Conferences, to assist them in the support of their respective Domestic Missions; to constitute

8. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Publishing Agent to furnish the traveling ministers and preachers, and others who consent to act as agents for the W. M. P., with a statement of the accounts of the subscribers to said paper, in their several localities, as early as possible in each conference year, and that each agent enter in a book for the purpose such statement for future use; and that each agent be held personally responsible for the subscription of each subscriber whose name he may send without the pay in advance, and as a compensation for his time and trouble, he shall receive ten per cent. on all old subscriptions, and 25 cents on all new subscribers for the first year, and shall pay one dollar per year for his paper.

W. GUNCKEL, Ch'n.

On motion of Br. Scott, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Publisher and Book Agent be required to place a standing notice in a conspicuous place in the W. M. Protestant, that the cash system has been adopted, and that each subscriber's paper will be stopped when his subscription expires, unless renewed.

On motion of Rev. A. H. Bassett, the second Friday in January, 1863, was appointed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer in all our churches.

On motion of Br. Chivington, the Convention proceeded to elect an Editor and Book Agent by ballot.

Dr. D. B. Dorsey, of Western Virginia Conference, having, upon second balloting, received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Editor of the Western Methodist Protestant.

Rev. A. H. Bassett, of Ohio Conference, having, upon first balloting, received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Publisher and Book Agent.

Br. I. Chivington, on behalf of Committee on Missions, made a report, which, on motion, was adopted, and Springfield, Ohio, made the location of the Board of Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report, That in their opinion the time has fully come for the Methodist Protestant Church to arouse from her supineness on the subject of Missions. As the sons of Wesley, who declared, The world is my parish, we should not be contented with our present circumscribed limits, but should be determined to occupy a place in the front ranks of Zion's army, and send out our vanguards everywhere, to drive in the enemy's pickets, and if possible, plant the banner of the cross on his fortresses, and see it float in triumph over the conquered foes of our Redeemer. The great commission given to the disciples, by their Lord and Master, was: Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Your committee are impressed with the fact that, as a denomination, we should and must do more for the cause of Missions. That our people are able to do more, we are fully persuaded, and that they will be willing, we do not doubt, provided they have some regular system, and a living, vigorous Agent in the field, to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance. With such an agent in the field, and operating under a well regulated system, your committee is of the opinion that our collections for missionary purposes would reach the sum of from five to ten thousand dollars per annum, and this before the assembling of the next regular General Conference.

Our people have again and again resolved to do something more for this glorious enterprise, but our success has been poor indeed, not because our people are selfish or penurious, nor yet because they are poor, for they are neither the one nor the other, but doubtless simply for want of system and appliances. The Convention held at Pittsburg in November, 1860, adopted a Report, proposing to raise one thousand dollars in aid of mission work in Nebraska and Kansas. But our Board of Missions has had the mortification to report to this Convention that they were not able to realize even half that much per annum from the different Annual Conferences. During the last year, according to the

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Managers, who shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Society.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to make By-Laws to regulate its own proceedings, fill up vacancies that may occur during the year, and shall report its transactions and the state of the funds to the Board of Missions at least once a year, and forward a copy of their Annual Report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions.

ART. V. Any person paying one dollar or upwards annually shall be a member, and the payment of five dollars or upwards shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The funds of this Society, after deducting the necessary incidental expenses, shall be subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, for the purpose expressed in the second article of this Constitution.

ART. VII. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Managers.

ART. VIII. At all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, or, if both be absent, such a member as shall be chosen for the purpose, shall preside.

ART. IX. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held on — — —.

ART. X. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. XI. This Constitution shall be subject to such alterations by the Society as shall agree with the alterations which may be made by the General Conference in the Constitution of the Board of Missions.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of Missions: J. D. Herr, of Pittsburg, Corresponding Secretary; A. H. Bassett, of Ohio, Treasurer; J. B. Walker, R. Rose, A. H. Trumbo, J. M. Johnson, Wm. Gunckel, J. B. Clemans.

On motion of Br. Scott, the following were appointed a Committee on Revision of Discipline: A. H. Bassett, Wm. Gunckel, D. B. Dorsey and J. J. White, —with authority properly to arrange and insert in the Constitution and Discipline all the amendments made by this Convention, erasing what has been superseded by these amendments, when said amendments shall have been ratified by the Church.

On motion, the Minutes were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The Committee on Boundaries brought in their Report, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

Your Committee on Boundaries beg leave to report the following:

1. That the note on page 101 of Discipline be stricken out, and the boundary lines of the Onondaga District remain as on page 100 of Discipline.

2. The Western Virginia District includes all of Western Virginia, and the adjacent parts of Kentucky, excepting that all the portion of the Pan Handle (so called) lying north of Wheeling and of the National Road belongs to the Pittsburg District.

3. Nebraska District to embrace all of the Territory of Nebraska, and three counties in Missouri, viz: Holt, Acheson and Ottoway; also in Iowa, along the Missouri River, to extend from the south Iowa line north to the Boyer river.

R. C. LANNING, Ch'n.

On motion of Br. Strong, any Annual Conference or Auxilliary Society may give direction to the money raised by them for Missionary purposes.

A vote of thanks to the citizens of Cincinnati was passed.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Chairmen and Secretaries.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Board of Trust, the Editor, and Book Agent, for their efficiency and faithfulness in discharging the duties assigned them.

The following brethren were elected to bear the fraternal greeting of the M. P. Church to the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection,

new Mission Fields, when in their opinion it may be practicable, there being surplus funds sufficient in the Treasury to support such new fields, but not otherwise ; to draw on the Treasury to meet the incidental expenses incurred by the Board in the discharge of its duties ; to fix and pay the salary of the Corresponding Secretary ; and to perform such other duties as are usually discharged by such Boards. Said Board shall make full report of its doings, and of the condition of the Treasury, to each regular General Conference, to whom the Board shall be amenable.

2. The General Conference shall elect, at its regular quadrennial sessions, a Corresponding Secretary, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Board, and travel under its direction, through the Connection, to assist our ministers and brethren in holding missionary meetings, preaching sermons on the subject of Missions, and organizing Auxilliary Societies. Especially it shall be his duty to attend the several Annual Conferences, so far as practicable, and wherever he goes, to arouse our people to their duty in reference to this subject. His traveling and incidental expenses, incurred in the discharge of his official duties, shall be met by the Board ; and he shall be amenable to the General Conference for his official conduct.

3. The Publishing Agent of our Book Concern at Springfield, Ohio, shall be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Board, whose duty it shall be to receive and hold the funds of the Board, and disburse the same under the direction of the Board ; and he shall present a full Report of his doings, and of the condition of the Treasury, at least once a quarter, and oftener if called on by the Board to do so.

4. The Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Missions, and they, together with the President of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Committee, which in an emergency may devise means for replenishing the Treasury, or pay out such funds as may be already on hand, to any Missionary which the Board may have employed. But in no case shall such Committee make any new appropriation without the consent of the Board. And it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to report its doings to the Board at its ensuing quarterly session.

5. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference, at its next session, to organize an auxilliary society, under the Constitution which may be adopted by the Convention for the government of such societies ; and it shall be the duty of each superintendent of a circuit or station to establish branches to such auxilliary societies when practicable, and when this is not practicable, it shall be the duty of the superintendent, on such fields of labor, to appoint a missionary committee of three, at the first quarterly conference, which committee shall assist the superintendent in raising and collecting funds for the cause of Missions ; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent to bring the subject before his people, and raise collections or take subscriptions for the cause, and also to appoint collectors in every society, to collect the amounts thus subscribed, and to raise as much more as possible for the same cause, all of said funds to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Conference Society, or forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board.

6. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference, in the examination of character, to ask the question of each lay delegate, Has the minister on the field of labor which you represent carried out the disciplinary arrangement on the subject of Missions, by appointing Missionary Committees, raising collections or subscriptions, appointing collectors, &c ? Upon the neglect of this duty, for the first offence, he shall be reprimanded by the President of the Conference ; for the second, he shall be liable to suspension for twelve months, and for the third offence he shall be excluded from the traveling connection of the Methodist Protestant Church.

CONSTITUTION OF AUXILLIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

ART. I. This association shall be named, The _____ Missionary Society in _____, auxilliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to assist the several Annual Conferences more effectually to extend their missionary labors throughout the United States and elsewhere.